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METRO OFFICIALS MEET AT LC

For over an hour on Wednesday morning, November 14, Metro officials and Library of Congress employees carried on a lively and candid discussion about bus service to and from Capitol Hill. At the meeting of nearly 500 people in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium, no issues were resolved, or startling news announced, or magic solutions revealed, but it was a period of open communication. So complex are Metro's problems, however, that some people probably left the meeting more concerned than ever about the future of bus service in the District of Columbia.

This first in a series of public discussions between Metro and Capitol Hill commuters had its origins in several petitions and letters from various organizations and officials. The Librarian of Congress, L. Quincy Mumford, addressed a letter last spring to Metro's Office of Planning requesting a public hearing (see LC *Information Bulletin*, May 25, pp. 177-8). Rae Russell, Senior Operations Specialist for the Planning Department of Metro, who spent the first half hour of the meeting outlining Metro's plans for the coming years, promised that public hearings on bus service would begin at the first of the year.

Mr. Russell described the wide range of Metro's operational problems: The financial regulations that prohibit deficit spending—thus Virginia and Maryland make up their share of Metro's deficit from the gasoline tax and the District from appropriated funds.

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The **District of Columbia Library Association Reference Roundtable** is sponsoring a series of demonstrations of the New York Times Information Bank between December 1st and 15th. The sessions on the Times service, which are limited to groups of three each, will last one hour and will be offered weekdays between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The demonstrations will be conducted at the New York Times Washington office at 20th and L Sts., N.W.

For further information, or to make an appointment for a demonstration, interested persons should contact Bob Zich in the Public Reference Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division, Library of Congress, 426-5521.

FROST CENTENARY PROGRAM PLANNED

The Library of Congress will observe the centenary of the birth of the American poet Robert Frost next March 26, 1974, with a full day of literary and dramatic events. The observance will be sponsored by the Library's Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund.

The morning program will consist of a symposium by three distinguished students of Frost's poetry. Helen H. Bacon, Professor of Classics at Barnard College, Columbia University, will speak on Frost as a

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student of the classics; the poet Robert Pack, Professor at Middlebury College, will speak on Frost as a poet-teacher; and Peter Davison, author and Director of The Atlantic Monthly Press will speak on Frost as a person. In the afternoon, distinguished poet-critic Allen Tate will deliver a critical assessment of Frost's works.

That night a staged production of several of Frost's dramatic poems will be presented by Jean Erdman's Total Theatre Company, by arrangement with Lucille Lortel's Matinee Theatre of New York City. This will be the 12th production brought to the Library of Congress by Miss Lortel's Matinee Series, now flourishing at the De Lys Theatre in its 18th season. A first (preview) performance of the Frost dramatic poems will be given on the preceding night, Monday, March 25. Distribution of tickets for both performances will be announced in advance and those interested in attending may write to the Poetry Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Robert Frost served the Library of Congress as Consultant in Poetry, 1958-59, and Honorary Consultant in the Humanities, 1959-63. A familiar figure in the Library, in the halls of the Capitol, and elsewhere in Washington, Frost's most memorable appearance was perhaps his recitation of "The Gift Outright" at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy on January 20, 1961.

The Manuscript Division of the Library will mount a special exhibit of its Frost manuscripts, including the poem written for the inauguration. The U.S. Postal Service has announced a special commemorative stamp to be issued in recognition of the Frost centenary, and it is expected that a number of other institutions will hold special observances of the birthday.

LC ACQUIRES RARE RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS

In the July 8, 1771 issue of *Sanktpeterburgskiia viedomosti* an advertisement announced the arrival in St. Petersburg of two remarkable performing bears which, among other acts, imitated village maidens looking at themselves in the mirror and hiding from their admirers. Other items reflected the more serious side of life, including accounts of the then current Russo-Turkish War in which a Russian naval squadron made its appearance in the Eastern Mediterranean, with consequent effects on the balance of power in that region.

This issue of one of the two newspapers then being issued in Russia in the Russian language is part of a set covering the period from July to December of 1771 which has recently been acquired by the Library. The journal, as one Russian bibliographer has noted, is an item of considerable rarity, for there were, as a usual rule, but 1,400 copies printed of each issue during 1771, and it will serve to extend the Library's present scattered holdings of this significant example of early Russian journalism. These issues are now being processed for addition to the Rare Book Collection. [*Robert V. Allen*]

CLEVELAND STRING QUARTET IN LC CONCERT NOVEMBER 30

On Friday evening, November 30, the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation in the Library of Congress, will sponsor a concert of instrumental chamber music by the Cleveland String Quartet. The members of this ensemble are Donald Weilerstein and Peter Salaff, violins; Martha Strongin Katz, viola; and Paul Katz, violoncello. This ensemble is quartet-in-

residence at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Their program will include Quartet in D major, Op. 64, No. 5, H.III:63 by Joseph Haydn; Antiphones by Sergei Slonimsky; and Quartet in E minor, Op. 59, No. 2 by Ludwig van Beethoven.

This concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets for this concert will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, November 26. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

This concert will be heard in its entirety by live broadcast over Station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

ARCHIVAL MATERIALS RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

A small collection of Japanese Government archival manuscripts in 150 legal size document containers left the Library on October 18 for return to Japan under arrangements agreed upon by the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the Department of State, and the Embassy of Japan.

When Japan was occupied by the Allied Powers in 1945, a large quantity of printed materials and government documents were assembled in Tokyo from military installations and selected government agencies throughout Japan for the use of the occupation authorities in governing the nation. Subsequently an unspecified quantity of these materials was brought to Washington, and some of the manuscript documents which came to the Library were promptly transferred to the National Archives. (The Library normally does not acquire archival documents of foreign governments.)

In 1958 some 7,000 cubic feet of the documents were returned to the Government of Japan by the National Archives. Before the return, however, in the summer of 1957, a hastily organized committee headed by C. Martin Wilbur of Columbia University, with a modest grant from the Ford Foundation, was able to microfilm in 163 reels a small part of the documents under the supervision of Chitoshi Yanaga of Yale University, a member of the committee. These reels are indexed in the *Checklist of Microfilm Reproductions of Selected Archives of the Japanese Army, Navy, and Other Government Agencies, 1868-1945*, compiled by John Young, a member of the committee, and published by Georgetown University Press in 1959.

Movers pack containers of documents for return to Japanese Government.

The archival documents just returned are those which have turned up since 1958 mixed in with the unprocessed arrearages of the Japanese Section in the Orientalia Division. They were kept until the completion of microfilming, inasmuch as some of them, notably the documents of the thought control police, were similar to those microfilmed in 1957.

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(The annual deficit is now $12 million.) The inadequate garage spaces and maintenance facilities and personnel—the result being that old and inefficient buses remain that way. The insufficient number of

buses during rush hour because there aren't enough buses—yet buses must sit idle during off-hours.

What has been done to improve Metro service reflects planning that was initiated when the organization changed ownership at the beginning of this year; this planning and its implementation are still underway.

Sometime after the first of the year, 620 new buses are scheduled for delivery to Metro. The first ones will be used to beef up service on existing, overcrowded lines in the District. Later ones will replace many worn-out or (soon) irreparable buses. And last, the balance of the new vehicles will be placed into new service (for example, express service along old routes) and on new routes. Concurrently, a group of transportation experts from the London Transport Co. and a local consulting firm are studying ways to improve bus service; plans call for using some of the new vehicles to implement their recommendations and to incorporate their ideas in Metro's long-range planning as well. Anticipating future needs, Metro officials have planned to continue to build the service's supply of vehicles and work in other ways to expand the bus system.

Metro officials also talked about some more immediate solutions to their problems. One was a program to improve the attitudes of the drivers, who by the way receive an hourly wage of $5.72 and liberal fringe benefits and who, according to the complaints of many riders, are impolite and unsafe. Another plan is to use some of the District's minibuses, which are not in service during rush hour, on the route between the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Capitol in order to reduce delays along Independence Avenue for commuters coming from Virginia; this change is scheduled to go into effect before Christmas. Metro is also putting out new schedules in easier-to-read type and a new bus map, in atlas format, to encourage more people to use Metrobuses. By next summer, according to Mr. Russell, Metro hopes to offer its riders 100 percent air conditioning and 100 percent mechanical reliability.

Obviously Metro cannot be all things to all people, and commuters who must transfer downtown will continue to resent express buses whizzing by them. One rider said that 40 cents is to much to pay—for *any* service—and he will probably always be dissatisfied, while another commuter said she would gladly pay more than 40 cents if she can be guaranteed that the bus will get her to work on time and that she will get a seat.

Responses to questionnaires taken up at the meeting are now being tallied and analyzed. Persons interested in working on this and other projects related to transportation are invited to contact either Lee Malone, Publications Office, on ext. 5093, or Herbert Belmear, Employee Relations Office, ext. 6362.

VISITORS TO LC

Visiting Foreign Libraries and Archivists:

Mrs. Bimla Nanda, Delhi University Library, Delhi, India.

Cynthia James, Science Librarian, Australian National University Library, Canberra, Australia.

Erika Grofcsik, Deputy Director, Hungarian National Bibliography, Budapest, Hungary.

Valeriu P. Leonov, Professor, Institute of Library Science, Leningrad, U.S.S.R., on exchange for the year to the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Services.

Patrick Saul, Director, British Institute of Recorded Sound, London, England, and Mrs. Saul.

David Lance, Head, Sound Archives, Imperial War Museum, London, England.

Visiting Librarians from the United States:

Nicolette Roberge, Circulation Division, University of Washington Libraries, Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Beverly Baitz and 25 staff members of the Howard County Libraries in Maryland.

Mrs. Neelima Ingle, cataloger of scientific and technical materials, Moraine Park Technical Institute, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Five librarians participating in a training program in black history at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. They are Mrs. Jean Cazart, Fisk; Mrs. Louise G. Anderson, Princeton University Library; Oscar L. Sims, U.C.L.A. Library; Odie H. Tolbert, Jr., Memphis State University Library, Memphis, Tenn.; and George Horvath, MacArthur Public Library, Biddeford, Me.

Mrs. JoAnn Dionne, Public Services Librarian, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y.

Richard Dionne, Science Librarian, Syracuse, University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Six serials librarians from Penn State University, University Park, Pa., including Marcia Bill, Deborah Masters, Mark Kovacik, Susan Striedieck, Sukmoon Yoon, and Frank E. Sadowski, Jr.

Library Science Students:

Representing the students and faculty of five institutions, 196 visitors came to the Library of Congress November 2-12. They came from Columbia University Graduate School of Library Service; Clarion State College, Clarion, Pa.; Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va.; the State University of New York at Albany's School of Library and Information Sciences; and the Catholic University Department of Library Science.

The assistance of a number of young professional librarians from the LC staff made possible intensive and varied tours for these special visitors. The guides included Susan Aramayo, Elizabeth Betz, Richard Bickel, Laura Brank, Barbara Burkey, Dan Burney, Constance Carter, Margaret Detwiler, Kim Dobbs, Frances Einhorn, Judith Farley, Joseph Kaczorowski, Jane Lindley, Diana Niskern, Bill Putnam, David Rose, Bill Sittig, Carolyn Sung, Don Wittig, Mary Margaret Wolfskill, Jack Womeldorf, and Bob Zich. Brian Willson, Tour Coordinator, helped with all groups.

MYNAK RIMPOCHE VISITS LC

Mynak Rimpoche, Director of the National Museum of Bhutan and former Director of the Bhutan National Library, visited the Library of Congress on November 7. His special interests were in the following divisions: Orientalia, Preservation, Restoration, Exhibits, Overseas Operations, and Prints and Photographs. Rimpoche, a Tibetan, was formerly at the Institute of Tibetology in Sikkim. At a brief stop in the Preservation Laboratory are (left to right) John Williams, Research Officer; Mr. Rimpoche; Frazer Poole, Assistant Director for Preservation; and Peter Waters, Restoration Officer.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Digest of General Bills and Resolutions. ISSN 0012-2785. 93rd Congress, 1st Session. Supplement No. 2 to Cumulative Issue No. 3, 1973. (Various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for $1.40 this issue or $90 a session, domestic, and $112.50 a session, foreign (LC 14.6:93-1/1-4/Supp. 2).

Foreign Newspaper Report. ISSN 0090-225X. 1973. No. 3. (12 p.) Available to libraries and institutions free upon request from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

New Serial Titles–Classed Subject Arrangement. ISSN 0028-6699. October 1973. (31 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress. For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $25 a year.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Commencing Publication After December 31, 1949. ISSN 0028-6680. October 1973. (iv, 30 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and issued in eight monthly and four quarterly issues and a cumulative annual volume. Supplement to the *Union List of Serials,* 3rd Edition. For sale by the Card Division for $170 a year. Subscriptions received after the annual cumulation appears will receive only the annual cumulation.

Specifications for the Microfilming of Books and Pamphlets in the Library of Congress. ISBN 0-8444-0098-X. Prepared by the Photoduplication Service. 1971. (iii, 16 p.) For sale by the Su-

perintendent of Documents at 40 cents a copy (LC 1.6/4:B64).

This publication embodies the procedural and technical changes in the Library's photoreproduction methods adopted since 1964, when *Specifications for Library of Congress Microfilming* was first published. In drawing up separate specifications for the several different bibliographic groups, the Photoduplication Service intends to place special emphasis on the definition of criteria regularly employed to evaluate microfilms under consideration as additions to the Library's permanent collections. No attempt is made to cover every problem which may arise or to provide final answers to questions still controversial.

Press Releases: No. 73-49 (November 12) Library of Congress to Observe Robert Frost Centenary on March 26, 1974, with Day of Reading and Lectures; No. 73-50 (November 13) Poets Gary Snyder and John Hollander in Program at Library of Congress November 26; No. 73-51 (November 14) Manuscripts of the Noted Psychiatrist, Alfred Adler, Donated to the Library of Congress.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Zoya von Richter, former Senior Accessioner in the Serial Record Division, died on November 12, following a brief illness.

Born in Moscow, Mrs. Richter had studied languages and literature in Switzerland before becoming a United States citizen in 1919. She joined the staff of the Library in 1951 as an Accessioner and retired in 1966 after more than 15 years of Government service. Her valuable contribution to her division's project to accession serials in the Cyrillic alphabet was noted in the 1954 *Annual Report* of the Librarian of Congress.

RETIREMENT

Bessie H. Johnson retired from the Library on October 11 after more than 12 years of Government service. Mrs. Johnson began her Library career in September 1959 as a Charwoman of the Labor Force and later worked as an Elevator Operator and Checkstand Attendant in the Buildings Services Section. She subsequently transferred to the Card Division as a Mail Clerk in the Mail and Shipping Unit and was later promoted to Card Processing Clerk in the Stock Unit, the position from which she retired.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Mobile County, Ala. She received a 10-year Federal Service Award pin in 1971. On October 25 Mrs. Johnson's friends presented her with a purse and honored her at a luncheon held on November 9. She retires to her home in Washington, D.C.

AWARD

Samuel C. Douglas, Mail Clerk, Mail Receipt and Delivery Unit, Central Services Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin by F. E. Croxton, Director, Administrative Department on November 12.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Douglas was appointed to the Library staff in January 1950 as a Laborer in the former Library Buildings and Grounds Division, following Federal service as an Electrician Helper at the Washington Navy Yard. In June 1951 he was promoted to the former Office of the Secretary as a Messenger. He assumed his present position in March 1972.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Arline Custer, Head of the Manuscripts Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, and Editor of the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* (NUCMC), spoke to the 12th Archivists' and Historians' Workshop-Conference of the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) on November 1 in St. Louis about the NUCMC program. Mrs. Custer described the published volumes, the details of reporting collections, and the advantages to both the archival repository and to scholars to publicize holdings by having descriptions of collections included in this national union catalog.

Alan Fern, Chief of the Prints & Photographs Division, served as one of the jurors for the awarding of prizes at the 2nd Biennial of American Graphic Arts, at the *Museo "La Tertulia"* in Cali, Colombia.

Charles Gallozzi, Assistant Chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is the recipient of two awards for his volunteer work with the visually handicapped. Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped, a voluntary group serving the metropolitan Washington area, awarded him a plaque in appreciation of his services to blind and physically handicapped individuals, consisting of three years as president of VVH and a previous three-year term as treasurer. Frank Kurt Cylke, DBPH Chief, presented the award to Mr. Gallozzi at the group's annual membership luncheon held November 10 in Silver Spring, Md. At the same meeting Mr. Gallozzi also received a certificate of appreciation from the Montgomery

County (Md.) Government, signed by James P. Gleason, County Executive. Avis Birely, Community Liaison Officer for the County Executive made the presentation of the certificate, which reads in part: "A grateful government is proud to honor you and your selfless efforts in behalf of those who need help and for the general welfare of your community."

Eugene Nabors, Assistant Reference Librarian, American-British Law Division, Law Library, spoke at Antioch College on October 24 on "Current Trends in Government Documents." On October 30, he delivered a speech at Georgetown University Law Center entitled "Legislative History and Government Documents—Another Step in Legal Research."

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Mary Earnell Hayes, worker trainee, GS-1, Cop Serv, NP; Sharon Hicks, worker trainee, GS-1, Card, NP; Paul M. Irwin, analyst in education, GS-12, CRS Ed, 6112; Elijah Lipkins, special policeman (private), GS-5, Bldgs, 6263; Ricki K. Morst, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, 6-600; Martha A. Proskauer, analyst in social legislation, GS-11, CRS Ed, 6153; Raymond H. Raza, microphotographer (trainee), GT-3, Photodup, 5-100; William C. Robinson, bibliographic & editorial assistant, GS-5, DBPH, 6070; Lonnie R. Wharton, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600.

Reappointments: Rose Mary Cocimano, senior cataloging editor, GS-11, Cat Publ, 6049; William M. Dean, senior deck attendant, GS-4, S&R, NP; Ellsworth M. Johnson, Jr., senior deck attendant, GS-4, S&R, NP; Margaret C. Kapanke, correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, 5-200.

Promotions: Melanie McVicar, to assistant correspondence clerk, GT-4, Photodup, 6216; Margaret B. Neeley, to assistant correspondence clerk, GT-4, Photodup, 6216.

Transfers: Aaron Bonds, CRS Ed, to assistant duplicate collections librarian, GS-5, CRS L, 6207; Mary E. Hill, Publ, to trainee information specialist, GS-7, Inf, NP; Betty J. Sullivan, CRS GGR, to peripheral equipment operator, GS-5, Pers Opns, 6281.

Resignations: Frances E. Andrews, Bldgs; Barbara J. Conrad, Bldgs; David E. Dance, Preserv; Connie L. Greb, CRS C; Theortis E. Jones, Bldgs; Janet B. Juras, LL Hisp; Sharon L. Kennedy, Photodup; Deborah L. Medlar, S&R; Raymond Payne, Bldgs; Karyl L. Schmitz, Health; Yvonne T. Watson, Share Cat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean L. Orne and **William A. Gosling** were married on Saturday, November 10, at the Friends Meeting of Washington, in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Gosling is a descriptive cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division, and Mr. Gosling is the Program Manager of the Cataloging-in-Publication Program of the same Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Cohen are the parents of a daughter, Dannette I., born October 25 at Prince George's Hospital. Mr. Cohen is a Camera Room Supervisor in the Microphotographic Section, Photoduplication Service.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Dewey Decimal Associate Dies

Pauline A. Seely, Assistant Executive Director of Forest Press, died on September 21 after a short illness, ending a long career marked by many years of direct involvement with the Dewey Decimal Classification.

In addition to serving on two special ALA DDC committes, 1944-47 and 1952-55, Miss Seely served on the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee from 1959-1970. Most notable perhaps was her participation as one of the two surveyors on use of the DDC abroad. In 1964 she visited Egypt, Greece, Israel, Lebanon, Nigeria, South Africa, and Turkey.

Miss Seely joined Forest Press in 1970 after retirement as Director of Technical Services at the Denver Public Library. Cataloging and supervisory assignments were held at the Queens Borough Public Library and Los Angeles County Library.

In addition to numerous articles on the DDC her publications included many on other professional subjects: the ALA filing rules 2nd ed., 1968, and its abridged edition; and, as joint author, a bibliography of Long Island, and two editions of a place name bibliography of Canada and the United States.

ASALH Holds 58th Annual Meeting

The 58th and largest annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History convened in New York City on October 17-21. More than 3,000 of the estimated 30,000 members toured an extensive exhibit area and heard addresses by national figures, including ASALH President and Federal Reserve Board Governor Andrew F. Brimmer, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, Congressman Charles Rangel, New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, National Urban League President Vernon E. Jordan, former Assistant Secretary of Labor Arthur A. Fletcher, and author Alex Haley, on some aspect of the general convention theme: "Helping America Understand."

Concerning themselves with contemporary issues, the speakers stressed the need for quality education, economic power, and political acumen in improving the quality of life for Afro-Americans.

In the workshops, interest in the past, present, and future was reflected in the variety of subjects treated, often controversially, spanning three centuries and touching four continents. For example, opinions differed sharply on the role of Booker T. Washington and the future of black studies programs. In addition to the more traditional topics much attention was given to the black woman, the Afro-American artist, communications media, and black mental health.

During a special session of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, the Library of Congress was commended for having appointed a specialist in Afro-American history and culture in the Manuscript Division, but criticized for alleged continued failure to revise that portion of the classification schedule and subject headings for materials dealing with Africana and Afro-Americana. This concern was accentuated by recognition of the increasing use of computerization and more widespread adoption of LC classification.

Edgar A. Toppin, professor of history at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., and author of several books, was elected President. The next national meeting will be held in Philadelphia, Pa.

[*Sylvia Lyons Render*]

Preservation Office Sponsors Tour for Bookworkers

On Saturday, November 2, the Office of the Assistant Director for Preservation, Administrative Department, was host to approximately 40 members of the American Guild of Bookworkers. Most of those attending were from the New York Metropolitan area, but other areas, including Ann Arbor, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, were also represented.

The group assembled in the Whittall Pavilion at 10 a.m., Saturday, for a general review of the Library's preservation program by Frazer G. Poole, Assistant Director for Preservation, and afterward heard Peter Waters, Restoration Officer, and John Williams, Research Officer, discuss the broad aspects of the Library's restoration and preservation research programs. Following the meeting in the Whittall, the group took a tour of the Preservation Research and Testing Office Laboratory, witnessed demonstrations of various methods of paper testing, leaf casting, and other techniques. In addition, members of the laboratory staff explained some of the research programs currently underway in the field of preservation.

Luncheon was informal with members of the Guild and the Library staff eating in groups at nearby restaurants. After lunch the group reassembled in the Restoration Office workshops for an afternoon of demonstrations, discussions of new techniques, and general talk about conservation problems. Although formal demonstrations had been scheduled for conclusion at 3:30 p.m., several members of the Guild were still discussing points of special interest until the workshop closed at 5 p.m. [*Frazer G. Poole*]

Graphic Arts Curator Appointed at the National Gallery of Art

Andrew Robison, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois, Urbana, and scholar and collector of prints and drawings, has been appointed Curator of Graphic Arts at the National Gallery of Art effective next February 1. In addition to administering the prints and drawings department, he will advise on acquisitions and exhibitions.

Mr. Robison, whose formal education was in the traditional humanities, entered the field of graphic arts through his own collecting, which in turn led to research, lecturing, and writing in the field. From 1969 until 1970 he taught a course for the Princeton Adult School on the techniques, history, and appreciation of prints. He is presently teaching a more advanced version of this course in the Art Department at the University of Illinois.

National Book Committee Program Director Announced

Timothy J. Cooney has been appointed Program Director for the National Book Committee, Inc. Mr. Cooney has held a number of executive positions in the administrations of New York Mayors Wagner and Lindsay and until recently was Vice Chairman of Equal Employment, Inc., a Harlem-based organization which seeks to aid minorities in education and employment.

LSU Changes Library School Name

The name of the library school unit of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., has officially been changed to the Graduate School of Library Science.

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